



RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL

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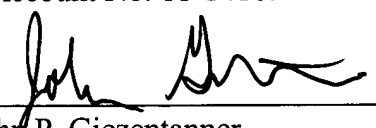
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

- (X) Response to Election of Species Requirement in 1 page.
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the communication from the Examiner mailed September 9, 2004. In response to the Election of Species requirement set forth in the communication, Applicant elects to prosecute Species E (screws). This election is made without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue any remaining claims in a divisional application. Claims 1, 5-9, 13, 44 and 49 are believed to read upon the elected species. Accordingly, prompt examination on the merits of Claims 1, 5-9, 13, 44 and 49 is respectfully requested.

No fees are believed to be due for the present Response, however, would any fees be due, please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: 9/17/04

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